

REMARKS

Claims 34-41 presently appear in this case. Claims 1-33 have been deleted without prejudice toward the continuation of prosecution thereof in one or more divisional applications. No claims have yet been acted upon on the merits. The claims have been subjected to a restriction requirement. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement insofar as it is applicable to the claims presently appearing in this case, and examination and allowance of all the claims now appearing in the case are hereby respectfully urged.

Claims 1-33 have been subjected to an eleven-way restriction requirement, among which are Group IX, including claim 27, drawn to a method of purification, and Group X, including claim 28, drawn to a method of identification using a two-hybrid system. This restriction requirement is respectfully traversed.

All of previously-appearing claims 1-33 have now been deleted in favor of new claims 34-41. It is urged that all of claims 34-41 are drawn to a single invention and should be examined in this case. To the extent that the invention in new claims 34-41 is different from any of the Groups I-XI previously designated by the examiner, it is urged that the invention claimed herein is intended to be elected. To the

extent that one of the Groups designated by the examiner needs to be at least provisionally elected, applicants hereby provisionally elect Group X, including claim 36, drawn to a method of identification using the two-hybrid system. While the method is different from that set forth in previously-appearing claim 28, it is still classified in Class 435, Subclass 6. As no examination on the merits of any of the groups has yet been made, a shift to the method of claims 34-41 should be possible at this point. As claim 34 is a generic claim linking claims 35 and 36, all of the claims should be examined in the present application. Note that the subject matter of new claims 34-41 are supported by, for example, paragraphs 61, 62 and 107 of the present specification.

The examiner states that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, i.e., TNF-R, FAS-R, NGF-R, MORT-1, RIP, TRADD and ankyrin 1. The examiner states that these are different molecules with different structures and different functions requiring different searches and that applicants are required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits, to which the claims will be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The examiner states that upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicants

will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species.

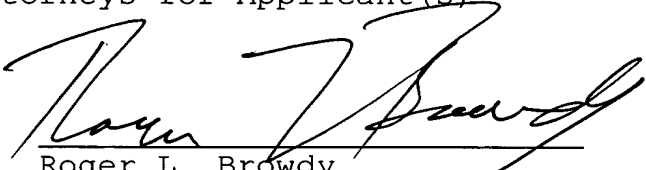
Applicants hereby elect the species NGF-R, as is specified in claim 39.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the previous restriction requirement and examination and allowance of all the claims now present in the case are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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